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the Hand of the Enemy.*



GRATITUDE is a Debt we
owe to every Benefactor; a
Debt; which increaseth in Pro-
portion to the Value and Num-
ber of the Favours received.

EVERY good, and every perfect Gift is from
above, and cometh down from the Father of
Lights; from the inexhaustible Fountain of all
Good, whose Power and Providence continually
support the whole System of Beings; and, who
hath made such ample Provision for his rational
Creatures, in particular, through every Stage of

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their Existence, through all the Periods of Time and Eternity.

IT is therefore the indispensable Duty of every intelligent and rational Creature, to give Thanks unto the LORD always, for the daily Blessings of his indulgent Providence, for his boundless Mercy and Goodness to the Children of Men.

AND if, to the common Bounties of his Providence, our common Parent and Benefactor be, at any Time, pleased to add more *extraordinary* Instances of his paternal Care and Affection for his Creatures; such *extraordinary* Favours will demand a more particular Acknowledgment. The History of the Divine Providences towards the *Jewish* Nation, abounds with Precedents of this Kind: And more especially upon Occasion of any signal Victory obtain'd, or any Deliverance wrought from the Hands of their Enemies. Then all the Treasures of Eloquence are exhausted, to celebrate the Praises of the LORD JEHOVAH, *the God of the Armies of Israel*. The Songs of *Moses*, *Deborah*, and *David*, have something more than human in the Composition, something that proves the Authors to have been animated

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animated by the SPIRIT of GOD, whilst they were endeavouring to *express the noble Acts of the LORD, and to shew forth his Praise.*

AND if ever there was a Time when *Englishmen* and Protestants were more particularly obliged to express their Gratitude to Heaven, this is the great and happy Occasion: *This is the Day which the LORD hath made;* and all they who have any Regard for the Religion, the Laws, and Liberties of their Country; and for the Sacred Person of the KING, whom the good Providence of GOD hath made the illustrious Defender of our Faith and Properties, will sincerely *rejoice and be glad in it.*

GREAT and dreadful, at all Times, are the Calamities of War. The Sword is the Executioner of GOD's Vengeance upon a sinful People, and carrieth every Thing that is frightful and shocking along with it. Every Thing that is dear and valuable is hazarded; our own Ease and Happiness; the Interest and Happiness of our Families, Friends, and Dependents; Liberty, Property, and Life itself, are all concerned in the precarious Event. They have great Reason, therefore, to give Thanks, who are so hap-

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py as to escape the miserable Effects and Consequences of War.---What Returns of Gratitude and Praise may not then be justly expected from Us, who have been so lately, and so greatly delivered from the Hands of our Enemies, by the happy Suppression of the late unnatural, unprovoked, and therefore most wicked and detestable Rebellion?

IN Order to make us the more sensible of the Obligations we owe to Heaven, for this mighty Deliverance, it may be useful to consider

I. WHAT would *probably* have been the Consequence, had the Rebellion still continued;
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II. WHAT *most certainly*, had the Authors and Abettors of it finally prevail'd.

THO' (through the good Providence of that GOD who ruleth over all, and stilleth the Madness of the People) very few of our own Countrymen were so unfortunately wicked as to join the rebellious Crew, in their triumphant Progress from the Capital of Scotland to the Centre of this Kingdom; yet, many Thousands of the KING's faithful

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faithful Subjects were insulted, robb'd, and plunder'd; many lost their Properties, some their Lives; great Numbers were exil'd from their own Habitations; Commerce was obstructed, and, by that Means, Labour and Industry (the great Support of the Bulk of the Nation) were put to a Stand, and many Families reduced to Want and Misery: All this Calamity, and much more, was brought upon our Country, by the Violence and Outrage of these Sons of *Belial*. You all know these Things, many of you felt a Share of the common Misery, and many more, I fear, will continue to feel it, for a long Time to come.—But, had the same ill Fate attended our Troops in the last Engagement, which, in the two former, thro' a Concurrence of unhappy Causes, had given the Adversary but too much Reason to rejoice; what, in all human Probability, had been the Consequence, but all the Horrors and Calamities of a civil and intestine War? Had Victory declared for the Enemy, 'tis scarce to be question'd but all their concealed Friends would have taken all imaginable Pains to improve the Advantage. They would have dropped the Mask, sounded their Trumpet aloud, called forth their timorous Confederates to open Arms, animated and confirm'd the
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Wavering, and discouraged, as much as possible, all that wish well to the *Peace and Prosperity of our Jerusalem.*

THIS is no groundless Conjecture; their Conduct, both before and since the happy Day of our Deliverance, gives us the greatest Reason thus to think, and thus to speak. For, did they not daily and industriously magnify the Wisdom, the Numbers, and the Courage of our Enemies? And how willing do we find them, even now, to extenuate, nay, to excuse, every Act of Barbarity and Cruelty they have committed? But how sparing of their Praises! I had almost said, how liberal of their Reproaches! as often as they take Occasion to speak of the glorious Instrument of our Deliverance. How bitterly do they lament the Fate of those *few* State Criminals (as if they had been so many Saints and Martyrs) who have received the just Reward of their *ungodly Deeds*; without ever dropping a Tear, or expressing the least Compassion for *the Hundreds* of the KING's faithful Subjects and Soldiers, who fell gloriously, but most unjustly, by the Hands of these Ruffians, in the Field of Battle?---But, for GOD's Sake! What had been the Consequence of the Success of these Mens Designs?

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Designs? What! but a general Insurrection; Houses demolished; Towns and Cities laid in Ashes; and (such is the Infatuation of *Englishmen*, of Men who ungratefully *use their Liberty for a Cloak of Maliciousness!*) Fathers divided against the Sons, and Sons against their Fathers, sheathing their Swords in one another's Bowels, and a mournful *Rachael* weeping in every Corner for her slaughter'd Children, refusing to be comforted, because they were not.

BUT the Calamity (great as this would have been) had not stopped here. Not three, nor four, nor, perhaps, twenty Victories in Favour of Rebellion, would have determin'd finally the Fate of these Kingdoms. For so long as one Spark of *English* Fire, kindled by the glorious Spirit of Liberty; so long as one Drop of true *English* Blood had remained amongst us; What would not honest *Englishmen* and Protestants have suffered? How many Battles would they not have fought? What Blood would they not have spilt? How dear would they not have sold their Birth-right, their darling Liberty, (the distinguishing Glory and Happiness of *Britons*) before they had submitted their Properties to the precarious Decisions of an arbitrary Judge, and their Consciences, to

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the Management and Direction of those *blind Guides*, who continually *lie in wait to deceive*? And we are greatly mistaken, if we suppose that the Protestant Powers of *Europe*, or any other Powers that are embark'd in the same common Interest, would have stood Neuter in the bloody Quarrel. The Fate of *Great Britain* is an Affair of too great Importance not to affect, not only the Men of Property at Home; but likewise all those foreign Nations that are Enemies to the exorbitant Power of *France*. And therefore, had this accursed Rebellion still continued triumphant, thousands, and ten thousands of foreign Troops, had been poured in upon us; our Country laid waste, and our Plenty devoured, not only by the Northern Army (like Swarms of consuming Locusts;) but also by Friends and Enemies promiscuously; and this *fruitful Land* had unavoidably been made barren and desolate, for the *Wickedness* of those ungrateful and seditious Wretches that dwell therein.---Then the Days of Misery and Vengeance had overtaken us in good Earnest, and we had certainly been, of all other People and Nations upon Earth, *the most miserable*.

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of the Enemy; from all the dreadful Consequences of a civil and intestine War; Consequences as dreadful as the human Imagination can possibly conceive.

LET them give Thanks also (if they have not lost all Sense of Gratitude) who have been so far infatuated as to aid and abet this barbarous and bloody Design. What infinite Reason have they to be thankful, that the special Providence of GOD hath not suffered them to fill up the Measure of their Iniquity! to bring more Misery, more Calamity, and greater Destruction upon their Friends, their Families, and their Country!—that the Almighty, to convince them of their own Folly and Weakness, hath permitted them to go *hitherto only, but no farther?*

AND here I cannot but observe, (let Bigottry, Prejudice, and Passion, say what they please) that the Persons who engaged in this unnatural and wicked Rebellion, if they thought at all, must have plainly foreseen, that the natural and evident Tendency of their Conduct was, to bring certain and immediate Misery upon their Country, by involving it in a bloody and destructive War. But, they must give me Leave to say it,

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no Plea of Conscience, no Pretence of Principle, can possibly justify such a Conduct. St. *Paul* himself verily thought he did GOD the most substantial Service, *whilst he made Havock of the Church of CHRIST*; and there is not a Butcher in the bloody Inquisition, but will say the same thing, whilst he is inhumanly murdering the most faithful Servants of CHRIST. But shall any Man presume to do the most notorious Evil, to commit the most atrocious Acts of Injustice, Violence, and Cruelty; because he foolishly believes *that Good may come?* the Apostle would say, and so will every good Christian say, *GOD forbid*: GOD forbid that we should think it right to rob, to plunder, and murder, in order to accomplish any End whatsoever. And therefore, since the Authors of this horrid and unnatural Rebellion are oblig'd to confess they could never have obtained their End, without these wicked and unwarrantable Means; they were inexcusable in espousing a Cause, which led them unavoidably *to Confusion and every evil Work*. And whatever they may talk of the hereditary indefeasible Right of Tyrants, this one Thing is certain, *viz.* that it is demonstrably wrong to bring Destruction and Misery upon the Innocent.

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HIGHLY, therefore, doth it concern these unhappy Men, instead of defying the Rod of Justice, and pretending to despise the Ax and the Halter, most earnestly to implore the Pardon of Heaven, with the deepest Humiliation of Soul, for the great Wickedness they have committed; and to return **G O D** their unfeigned Thanks, for putting so early and so effectual a Stop to their destructive Rage. For,

Secondly, **HAD** this Rebellion proved finally successful, our Religion and Liberties had *most certainly* been lost for ever.

G R E A T Britain had then bid an eternal Farewel to her Freedom and Independency, and must have inevitably become the tributary Tool of *France*. All her Riches and Strength must have been employ'd, not, as they have hitherto been, in supporting the common Cause of Liberty; but in executing the Enemy's pernicious long-projected Plan of Universal Monarchy. If there was any Want of Proof in so plain a Case, can it be imagin'd that *France* would have aided and assisted in this Undertaking, with no other View but to change a Name or a Family, leaving

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leaving *Britons* in Possession of their present Constitution of Government, permitting them to defend the Rights and Liberties of *Europe*, in direct Opposition to her own ambitious Designs? Can the most sanguine Friends of the abjur'd Pretender to the Crown of these Kingdoms be so weak as to believe this? To believe that *France* would expend her Blood and Treasure, without ever designing to wrest the Sword out of the Hand of her most formidable Enemy?---And what a miserable Nation had this been? In what a deplorable State had the Liberties of *Europe* been, had the whole Strength and Force of these Kingdoms been put into the Hands of *France*, especially at this most important Conjunction?

THE Houses of *Austria* and *Sardinia* had fought and conquer'd in vain; and the Inhabitants of this Land had been reduced to the Brink of Destruction.

THE sacred Person of the KING, and his whole Royal Family, must have fallen the first Victims to the Conqueror's Rage, in order to secure the Crown upon his Head; a Family, illustrious by Birth and Merit, long before they were

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were call'd, by the supreme Authority of the Nation, to the Throne of these Kingdoms; and a KING, most deservedly celebrated through the World, for his many princely Virtues, for his mild and gracious Government; a Government, not only unspotted with the bloody Marks of Cruelty, and Vengeance; not only clear of the least Attempt of violating the Laws, or weakening the Constitution of the Kingdom; but distinguished by a tender and inflexible Regard to the Rights and Privileges of a free People, both civil and religious.

THE Places of Honour and Profit must have been filled with those hungry Wolves, who had been most instrumental in effecting the dreadful Change. They who had done the most Mischief would have had the most Merit; and Persons of the highest Rank and Quality, of the greatest Estates and Property, who had been most vigorous and active in opposing, must have given Way to the half-starv'd, triumphant Invaders. And as those Powers, by whose Assistance this Revolution had been brought about, would have governed and directed all our Councils and Measures, at their Pleasure; our Trade and Commerce would have been totally ruined;

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Millions, by that Means, reduced to Beggary; and, if the National Debt (a Debt, contracted for the Support of the Government, against all the Disturbers of our Peace) had been expunged, to the utter Ruin of many Thousands of the Community; how many Millions must have been raised, to defray the Expences of this fugitive Family, at the Courts of *France* and *Rome*? What would have been the Sum total of this black List of Arrears, begun almost sixty Years ago, must have been left to the sole Pleasure of our Enemies; and the Manner of raising all Subsidies, to the arbitrary Will of the Oppressor. The Sanction of Laws would signify nothing to a Person who disallow'd the Authority of the Lawgiver; nay, who thought himself superior to every Ordinance of Man. And therefore, no Man could have lived secure under his own Vine, nor under his Fig-tree; because we should have had neither Vine nor Fig-tree to call our own, two Moments together.

If then it be a Matter of Comfort to live in the quiet and peaceable Possession of our Properties, which contribute so greatly to the Felicity of Human Life; If it be a Blessing to enjoy the Protection of most righteous and equitable Laws,
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under the Administration of a most just and merciful Governour : *Let us all give Thanks, from the highest to the lowest, whom the LORD hath redeemed, and delivered from the Hand of the Enemy.* From the highest to the lowest, I say ; for, let not the meanest of the People think themselves unconcerned in this great Event. The poorest Beggar has something to lose, nay, the greatest of all other earthly Blessings, his civil and religious Liberty.

OUR excellent Constitution has provided that none shall be oppressed, none shall suffer in an arbitrary Manner ; none, without due Form and Course of Law. And surely 'tis an unspeakable Blessing, that no Restraint is laid upon Conscience ; that all Ranks and Degrees of Men are, in this Respect, upon a Level ; *may come before the LORD, and bow themselves before the High God, in the Manner they think most acceptable to his Will.* But this inestimable Blessing would have likewise been lost ; the Destruction of the Protestant Religion, and the Establishment of Popery, would have been another *certain* Consequence of the Success of the Rebellion.

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THERE are some pretended Protestants, indeed, who affect to speak of Popery (the greatest Plague that ever befel the Sons of Men) as nothing but a Bugbear, a Creature only of the Imagination, a frightful Image dressed up on Purpose, by artful and designing Men, to awe the Weak and the Credulous; and from which we had nothing to fear, although a Popish Pretender had mounted the Throne. But can any Man in his Senses be so far infatuated as to believe we might have a Popish Prince, without Popery?

THE late Invader of our Land had the Honesty never to call himself a Protestant; and he never had the Assurance to pretend to give us any Reason to expect he would defend and protect the Protestant Religion. He told us, indeed, in one of his Manifestos, that he came *to reinstate us in our Religion and Liberties*. But what can that Expression mean, but that he came to make us Slaves and Papists? And in this he said truly: All this we stedfastly believe. For what Liberties could he give the freest People upon Earth, which they have not? And in what Religion could he re-instate us, but in Popery?

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Popery? This must have been his indispensable Duty, as a true Son of the Church of *Rome*. For who can believe that the *Roman* Pontiff would have brought up one of his own Children in Principles directly opposite to those of his own Church? Would he have nursed him in his Bosom, fed him at his Table, and given his solemn Benediction to the accursed Enterprize, had he not had the strongest Assurances that he would use all imaginable Diligence and Care, to restore *Great Britain* to its ancient State of Vassalage and Subjection to the See of *Rome*?

THIS he must have been taught from his Cradle: This must have been the distinguishing Glory of his Reign. None but the most besotted, wrong-thinking People can believe otherwise. It would be a great Affront to the Understandings of any but *Englishmen*, to ask them, whether a Popish Prince would be contented to tolerate and protect a Protestant People. Ask the Kings of *France* and *Spain*. Ask the poor persecuted Protestants of those Kingdoms, in one of which that accursed Court of Inquisition is erected for the Destruction of (what they call) Heresy, *i. e.* the Protestant Faith; and in the other, the miserable People are dragoon'd out of

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their Lives and Fortunes.---- Ask the Rulers of those Kingdoms of Darkneſs and Slavery, whether they dare countenance the free Exerciſe of the Right of private Judgment in Matters of Religion? Or, whether it be not bound upon their Conſciences, upon Pain of eternal Damnation, by any poſſible Means, even at the Expence of their moſt ſolemn Oaths, to extirpate Hereſy? Ask whether in any Country, in any Age, the Papiſts have ſuffered the Proteſtant Religion to flouriſh when it was in their Power, or ſuited their Convenience to extirpate it? Whether, on the other Hand, they have not broke the moſt ſacred Edicts, the moſt ſolemn Oaths, and committed the moſt inhuman Cruelties, in order the more effectually to ſuppreſs, and extinguish it? Conſult the Annals of your own Kingdom, and ſee the Part our Popiſh Princes acted towards their Proteſtant Subjects. Did not the bloody Queen *Mary* deceive the Men of *Suffolk*, by a falſe Promiſe to their own Deſtruction? Did ſhe not, in cool Blood, contrary to all the tender Dictates of Humanity, and in Contradiſtion to the friendly and benevolent Precepts of the Goſpel, moſt barbarouſly commit to the mercileſs Flames, many of the moſt pious, learned, and faithful Paſtors that ever ſed
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the Flock of CHRIST, and for no other Reason but because they were Protestants? And (not to mention the particular Cruelties of that infamous and inglorious Reign) did not King *James* the Second break his most solemn Coronation Oath, in order to open wide the Door to Popery, that the hideous Monster might once more invade, oppress, and enslave our Country; might trample upon all the sacred Rights of Conscience, all the civil and religious Liberties of a brave and happy People?

THEREFORE the Act of Settlement declares (and this is made the Ground and Reason of that Act) that “*it is found utterly inconsistent with the Safety and Welfare of it, for this Protestant Kingdom to be governed by a Popish Prince.*” Where-ever the Religion of Rome is the Religion of the Prince, sooner or later, it always destroys the Liberties of the People. Popery and Liberty, two jarring Principles, mutually oppose and destroy one another: They are implacable Enemies that can never be reconciled: They never yet did, they never can, *dwell together in Unity.*

How miserable, how wretched and melancholy

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choly then had the State of these Kingdoms been had the Popish Invader proved successful ! We must, without all Peradventure, have submitted our Necks, either *willingly*, or by *Constraint*, to that most intolerable Yoke of worse than *Egyptian* Bondage, which neither we nor our Fathers were able to bear ; to shake off which, the Champions of the Reformation (*those truly Christian Martyrs*) shed their Blood. We must have surrender'd our Bibles, our Reason, and Consciences into the Hands of faithless and perfidious Shepherds ; who, instead of the pure Word of GOD, *the Fountains of living Water*, would have given us to drink of the poisonous and polluted Streams of Idolatry, Superstition, and Persecution. *Smithfield* Fires must have blazed once more, and have burned with double Fury, for the Destruction of Hereticks.---In a Word ; let ignorant and designing Men soften and palliate Things as they please ; tho' they may tell you that Popery is *harmless as a Dove*, and *mild as a Lamb* ; you may assure yourselves that no honest understanding Protestant will ever talk at this Rate. For we have the strongest Assurance in the World, from the Doctrines of the Church of *Rome* ; from her constant Proceedings in Popish Countries, and her repeated Practices in our own ;

own; from long and woful Experience; Experience, the most infallible Teacher in the World, that, *like a roaring Lion, she seeks daily to devour* all that refuse a blind Obedience to her Decisions; that she *is a consuming Fire* to all the faithful Friends to Liberty.

AND, therefore, as we could not possibly have had a Pretender, without Popery; so neither could we, as Protestants, have had Popery, without certain Destruction either of Body or Soul,

LET them give Thanks, therefore, whom the LORD hath redeemed, and so lately delivered from the Hand of such a formidable blood-thirsty Enemy as this. For this great and mighty Deliverance, will every good Man, every sincere Protestant, who hath any Regard for the pure and uncorrupted Religion of JESUS, and for the civil Rights and Liberties of Mankind; who prefers Light to Darkness, and Freedom to Slavery, sing his Creator's Praise without ceasing, and say with the Psalmist, *O my God, I will give Thanks unto thee for ever.*

ALL the Blessings we enjoy are the Gifts of GOD; the Success of every Undertaking depends upon.

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upon GOD. But he is in a more particular Manner stiled *the LORD of Hosts*, as if his Providence especially interposed in determining the Fate of Kingdoms and Empires. And after all that human Prudence, and human Strength can do, Success is not always proportionate to the Probability of second Causes. *The Race is not always to the Swift, nor the Battle to the Strong; for it is the LORD that giveth Victory in the Day of Battle.* And how visible was the Interposition of Heaven in the ever-memorable Battle of CULLODEN! The Enemy said, indeed, like the Egyptians of old, *I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the Spoil: My Lusts shall be satisfied upon them, I will draw my Sword, my Hand shall destroy them.* But, how vain are the Councils of wicked, presumptuous, perjur'd Men, who trust to *the Arm of Flesh*, in promoting the infamous Cause of Slavery and Oppression! *In the same Net that they had hid privily, was their own Foot taken:* They drank deep of that Cup of Destruction which they had prepared for their Adversaries. *For, from the Blood of the Slain the Bow of our mighty Men turned not back, the Sword of the Conquerors returned not empty.* Notwithstanding the boasted Strength of the Enemy, flush'd with former Victories; their match-
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less Cunning, their invincible Courage, which their Friends and Abettors were every-where sounding in our Ears: *How did the Mighty fall! How did the Weapons of War perish* before the Royal Army, animated by the wise and valiant Conduct of His Royal Highness the Duke of CUMBERLAND, their intrepid Commander! *Tell it aloud in Gath, publish it in the Streets of Askelon; that the Daughters of the Philistines may rejoice no more, that the Daughters of the Uncircumcised may no longer triumph.*

ON that happy Day “ was experienced (as the Lord High-Steward excellently expresseth it) “ how much that Courage, which Virtue, true “ Loyalty, and the Love of our Country in- “ spire, is superior to the Rashness and false “ Fire of Rebellion, accompanied with the Ter- “ rors of Guilt.”

PRAISE ye the LORD, therefore, for the a- venging of Israel, when the People willingly offer- ed themselves, beyond the Example of former Times. Cry aloud and shout, thou Inhabitant of Zion; for the LORD JEHOVAH is thy Strength, he also is become thy Salvation. Praise him, there- fore, in the Sound of the Trumpet; praise him

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upon the Lute and Harp. O praise God in his Holiness; praise him in the Firmament of his Power. Let every Heart and Voice be united in one universal Song of Praise to that kind and indulgent Providence, that covered the Heads of our Generals and Soldiers in the Day of Battle; that appeased the seditious Tumults which have been lately raised up amongst Us, and hath restored to us the inestimable Blessing of domestic Peace.

AND, in the next Place, let our sincerest Thanks be paid to the Conduct and Bravery of that illustrious Instrument of our Deliverance, whom the good Providence of God hath raised up to fight our Battles, to defend the glorious Cause of Liberty. May the same kind Providence make him for ever victorious in that sacred Cause, and long preserve him an Honour to his Family, and a Blessing to this Nation!-- that the Children yet unborn, and Generations to come, may remember his Name with grateful Hearts; a Name, which will never be forgotten by *Englishmen* and Protestants, so long as the happy Revolution of *Sixteen Hundred eighty-eight*, shall have a Place in our Calendar.

AND in order to continue the Blessings of this signal Deliverance to Us, and to our Posterity for ever; let us shew forth our Praise to GOD upon this most joyful Occasion, *not in Rioting and Drunkenness, not in Chambering and Wantonness, not in Strife and Envyiug; but in a more serious and conscientious Regard to all the Duties of our Holy Religion, and to the Duty and Obedience we owe to the Person and Government of our gracious Sovereign, hitherto so happily preserv'd to Us, in Spite of all the Malice of France and Rome.*

IF we rejoice thus in the LORD, so as to become better Men, and better Christians; we may reasonably expect that he will continue to help Us, that he will still *maintain our Right and our Cause.* If we would rejoice so as to become better Neighbours, and better Subjects; more dutiful to the KING, more loving to one another, and more closely attach'd to one common Interest: If no other Distinction subsisted amongst Us, (and no other Distinction, I am sure, there ought to be) but that of *Englishmen and Frenchmen, Protestants and Papists:* Then might we safely defy *all the fiery Darts of the Wicked,*

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Wicked, all the foreign Disturbers of our Peace and Repose: --- Then would the *British* Nation retrieve its ancient Honour, (the Honour it has forfeited by Treason and Rebellion) and become the Terror, as it hath long been the Envy, of those that are round about Us: --- Then would the Throne of our SOVEREIGN be *established* in perpetual Peace, as it hath always been in *Righteousness*; and his Childrens Children, to the latest Posterity, might reign gloriously, and be for ever *quiet from Fear* of Evil.

WHICH that they may, may GOD of his infinite Mercy grant, &c.

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